

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Public Lands Section
Department of Natural Resources – Room 2000
March 11, 2008 - 9:00 am

Minutes

Members Present:

ZAREKARIZI, Susan – Parks
LINDSEY, Sarah (alternate) - DWR
HARTY, Kimm - UGS
HIGGINS, Kurt – SITLA
STROMNESS, Rebecca – UDOT
STONELY, Todd – Water Resources
BEERY, Kevin – UDEQ/DERR
GRIERSON, Dave – DFFSL
HEBERTSON, Mike – DOGM
CLARK, Robert, DAQ
DANIELS, Ron – Energy
ADKINS, Gertrudys – Water Rights
BOHN, Ralph – DEQ/DSHW
WILDE, Ken – DEQ/Drinking Water
REED-CAMPBELL, Janice (alternate) – History
HENDERSON, Dottie (alternate) – State Science Advisor

Others Present:

JEMMING, Jonathan – PLPCO
WRIGHT, Carolyn – PLPCO
MOWER, Mike - GOPB
MATOVICH, Jeanette – BLM
MARTIN, Kim – Forest Service
CLAYTON, Boyd – Div. Water Rights
RUPLE, John - PLPCO
PEZZULO, Tiffany - PLPCO
BEHUNIN, Jim – Legislative Auditor

Susan Zarekarizi, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the **February 12, 2008** meeting were approved by **Dave Grierson**, and seconded by **Kimm Harty**. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Presentations/Discussions

No presentations were made

III. Reports from Agencies on Any Anticipated Projects

Janice Reed-Campbell, History, distributed copies of the History Week 2008 poster. She also mentioned many activities are happening throughout the State in May from the 3rd thru the 10th, including a poster contest.

Ken Wilde, Drinking Water, reported there was an article in the newspaper on drugs in our drinking water. Individuals are disposing them by flushing them down the toilet. Salt Lake City has a program that has a container for your medical prescriptions.

Bob Clark – Air Quality, reported, on March 12, 2008 EPA will release the new National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone. It is anticipated that the standard will be 0.075 ppm based on a daily 8-hour average. This tightening of the ozone standard could place the counties of Box Elder, Davis, Salt Lake, Tooele, Utah and Weber in a non attainment status.

Jeanette Matovich, BLM, reported BLM is still working on land use plans. There will be a meeting March 5th with the Field office on the Wild and Scenic Rivers (meetings are ongoing).

Kevin Beery, DEQ/Environmental Response Remediation, reported a release (spill) of approximately 19,000 gallons of gasoline has occurred from the tanks located at the Gunnison Top Stop. Because the contamination originated from their tanks, Top Stop is considered the responsible party, which means they are required to comply with State and Federal requirements for emergency response, investigation and cleanup. Top Stop hired Wasatch Environmental Consultants to perform this emergency response, investigation and cleanup. The State of Utah, Division of Environmental Response and Remediation (DERR) provides regulatory oversight for cleanup of contamination from underground storage tanks. The DERR insures that the work conducted by Wasatch on behalf of Top Stop meets the requirements of both State and Federal Laws.

The gasoline contamination migrated (moved) underground to the southwest of the Top Stop station. The contamination appears to be following a depression in a hard pan layer that lies approximately 10-13 feet below the ground surface. Impacts associated with the spill include gasoline vapors in businesses and residences. Vapor mitigation efforts are underway and have been successful in many of the impacted buildings.

Emergency actions and investigation work are summarized in the following reports:

Emergency Response and Vapor Abatement Report: 12/11/2007

Additional Emergency Abatement and Subsurface investigation Report: 12/24/2007

Wasatch Environmental City Council Presentation: 1/3/2008

As of March 18, 2008:

- Systems continue to operate, with all the systems on line it appears that the recovery rate is now in the neighborhood of 150 gallons per day.
- Doug Hansen was in Gunnison on March 20 to confirm operation of equipment, and to meet with individuals (including the Theater owners).

For further information contact Doug Hansen (Engineer, PST Trust Fund) 801-536-4454.

Rebecka Stromness, UDOT, reported the Legislature did approve funding for a study across Utah Lake. Provo is looking to expand their city limits to the west side of Utah Lake. There will be a couple of EIS's coming out in the next few months.

Dave Grierson, DFFSL, reported anyone looking for access to Little Valley Harbor please see him after the meeting. DFFSL is negotiating with the land owner this afternoon.

Mike Hebertson, DOGM, discussed the public comment period and the responses received about the Spiral Jetty in the Great Salt Lake. Although the Governor's Office has received over 3,000 comments and emails concerning the proximity of drilling a new oil well within 5 miles of the Jetty, no decision had been reached on the issuance of the actual drilling permit. DOGM and representatives from the Governor's Office had visited the site and looked at some of the existing infrastructure left over from the 1970's drilling activities conducted by AMMOCO. He also briefly discussed the increased interest for drilling in the Dead Horse Point area in Grand County. This activity includes an EIS that is ongoing and the possibility of 12 wells to be drilled and continued flaring of produced gas.

Kim Martin, Forest Service, reported the Uinta National Forest Oil and Gas Leasing was published in the Federal Register on February 2, 2008. Two open houses were held and 51 comments were received in response to public scoping. The Draft EIS is complete and Notice of Availability was published in the Federal Register Notice on February 22, 2008 comments are due to **PLPCO May 1, 2008**. The Draft EIS can be found on there website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/uinta/projects/nepa>

Ron Daniels, Energy Advisor Office, reported he is looking closely at the legislative process looking at the different bills that passed. He is also looking at the Oil Shale Tar Sand Programmatic EIS not sure if they will be commenting. Thursday there will be a Discovery Conference downtown at the Marriott. For further details you can view the UStar web site.

Mike Mower, GOPB, reported the governor's office is reviewing all bills they have 20 days to sign or veto the bills. The twenty day calendar starts after the legislature session ends. Two bills he would like the committee to comment on is SB 181 by Senator Jenkins - OHV Use on Public Roads it passed the House 55-15, Senate 18-53. and the Livestock Watering Rights HB 208 – Representative Noel. Please get comments back to Mike or Jonny. He thanked everyone with the help through the legislation. It was a good season not too controversial.

Kimm Harty, UGS, reported that the Governor's Office and Legislature approved funding for the UGS to hire two hazards geologists who will be updating the state's geologic hazards maps with the goal of reducing the risk from geologic hazards.

Susan Zarekarizi, State Parks, reported the Trail Grant passed for a quarter million (1/4m) and one and half million (1 1/2m) was approved for OHV Mitigation and Trail construction. Hook Canyon is going into the next stage (scoping in April) this will be handled by FERC. This may have a big impact on Bear Lake, the diversion is proposed to lower and raise the Bear Lake by two to three inches in a 24 hour period.

Jonathan Jemming, PLPCO, reported he has been working on the West Tavaputs EIS review. He thanked the Committee for comments received during the preliminary stages and asked for them to double-check how the BLM has integrated their ideas. He also introduced Tiffany Pezzulo, PLPCO Public Policy Analyst, she will be working with RS 2477 and other projects, including the Oil Shale Tar Sands EIS.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:16 am, the next meeting will be held at the State Office Building, room 4112.